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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 12 October 1953

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [ ] Sheldon, and [ ]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, dated 9 October, respecting our request to continue certain collection activities which had been dropped by the Department of State. After some discussion, the Director noted his intention to again raise this matter with Mr. Dodge, and asked DD/I to prepare a memorandum of justification for the collection activities in question.

b. Referred to the case [ ] and asked if appropriate steps had been taken to handle this matter upon his arrival in Washington. [ ] said this problem was being followed closely by SR and Security. The Director stated he personally wanted to pass on the final decision made in this matter.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted a cable from [ ] respecting the possibility of ransoming three Americans now in Communist hands. The Director said if these individuals were the ones who had been picked up some time ago from a private boat [ ] their release had been the subject of lengthy consideration by State and asked DD/P to touch base with Alexis Johnson before replying to the above-cited cable.

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b. Noted a cable from [ ] concerning [ ] (rified State Department employee), and asked the Director for guidance in preparing a reply. The Director said (1) he did not know [ ] personally, but would accept David Bruce's recommendation, (2) if [ ] case was an out and out rified one and he was not being dropped for any other reason we should consider his employment. Mr. Wisner undertook to follow through on this.

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Mr. Amory:

a. Suggested that the Director receive a briefing from [ ] prior to his appointment with [ ] The Director approved and asked DD/I that this be set up for 4:30 Thursday, 15 October.

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Mr. Amory (Continued):

25X1 b. Referred to a discussion in a recent Deputies' Meeting, at which time the Director approved the recommendation that a CIA representative, [ ] sit with the U.S. Delegation during the Korean political conference, and stated the time had come to designate this individual. The Director noted this could be arranged through [ ] and asked DD/I to furnish him (DCI) his nomination for this duty. 25X1

Colonel White:

a. Referred to the article in the WASHINGTON POST of 11 October 1953, which indicated that "several Hush Hush Agencies" were advertising for personnel and stated that, while we did do this in the case of low grade clerical personnel, we were also in direct contact with all of the governmental agencies now in process of reducing personnel.

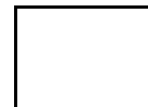
Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Noted that Congressman Judd was in Washington temporarily before departing on his trip, and at the Director's request undertook to arrange to have him come in and see Mr. Dulles.

b. Reported that a staff member (Morris) of the Jenner Committee had requested permission to furnish a complete copy of the [ ] testimony to the Department of Justice. The Director approved, but stated it should be made clear to the Committee that (1) this testimony contained sensitive CIA information, (2) the Committee would furnish this testimony direct to Justice and not through CIA. 25X1

c. Reported that the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy had requested that CIA inspect the rooms in which its hearings were conducted for "devices" and stated they had been advised that such action was outside our responsibility. The Director approved.

d. Suggested that he prepare for the Director's signature a letter to Marquis Childs respecting his column of last week in which he indicated CIA was concerning itself with U.S. public opinion toward the present administration. The Director approved and noted he had seen Childs at a dinner recently and at that time Childs had apologized, indicating his statement was based on misinformation.



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